GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2042
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2005
EMPLOYMENT IN MOBILE TELEPHONE SECTOR
Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan)

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 3.6 million people working in mobile telephone sector in the country at present on the basis of the survey conducted by the Global System for Mobile Association;

(b) if not, the estimate of the Government in this regard;

(c) the annual percentage of people who got employment during the last three years, and;

(d) the total capital investment made in this industry till December, 2004?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Global System Mobile association of India engaged OVUM, a reputed international Agency, to carry out a study and prepare a report on `The economic benefits of mobile services in India`. This report was published in January 2005. As per this report, 3.6 million people are estimated to be employed both direct and indirect in mobile telephone sector.

(b) & (c) The Government does not monitor the employment in mobile telephone service sector separately. As such the estimate of number of people engaged and the annual percentage of people who got employment during the last three years is not available.

(d) The capital investment made in the mobile sector alone has not been maintained by the Government. However, as per the estimates of Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), the total capital investment made in the mobile sector till March 2004 is about Rs.50, 000 crores.